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AN ACT

AMENDING SECTIONS 15-234, 15-342, 15-391, 15-392, 15-393 AND 15-531, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 7, ARTICLE 5, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION"; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-781, 15-781.02, 15-782, 15-782.02, 15-783, 15-784, 15-785, 15-786, 15-787, 15-788, 15-789, 15-790 AND 15-802, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; AMENDING SECTION 15-901, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, AS AMENDED BY LAWS 2001, SECOND SPECIAL SESSION, CHAPTER 9, SECTION 2; AMENDING SECTIONS 15-905.01, 15-910.01, 15-922, 15-943.02, 15-945, 15-947, 15-971, 15-1171, 15-1172, 15-1173, 15-1174 AND 15-1175, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; CHANGING THE DESIGNATION OF TITLE 15, CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE 9, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES, TO "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECTS FUND"; AMENDING SECTION 15-1231, ARIZONA REVISED STATUTES; RELATING TO CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION.

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Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona: Section 1. Section 15-234, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-234. Appropriations for adult education; eliqibility; definition

- A. Any appropriation made to the state board for vocational and technological OF education or department of education for the purposes of adult education may be expended for costs to the department of activities related to adult education including the costs of operating the division of adult education. In addition, any of the monies may be allocated to an adult education provider as provided in subsections B and C of this section.
- B. An adult education provider which offers a course of study for adult education under section 15-232 is eligible for allocation of funds pursuant to subsection C of this section from the state board for vocational and technological OF education if the district or county offering such course meets all applicable standards established under rules or regulations of the state board.
- C. The state board for vocational and technological OF education may allocate from its available appropriation for adult education any amount it deems appropriate for the use of an eligible adult education provider to compensate for costs of conducting the course of study of adult education based on an application which shall include a budget and other criteria as established by the state board for vocational and technological OF education. This application must be approved by the state board for vocational and technological OF education prior to the commencement of classes courses of study if the applicant wishes to be compensated. Compensation shall be limited to the approved amount in the application.
- D. For purposes of this section, "adult education provider" means a school district, community college district, correctional facility, OR community-based organization, an institution serving educationally disadvantaged adults, or any other institution that receives public funds to provide adult education services.
 - Sec. 2. Section 15-342, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-342. <u>Discretionary powers</u>

The governing board may:

- 1. Expel pupils for misconduct.
- 2. Exclude from grades one through eight children under six years of age.
 - 3. Make such separation of groups of pupils as it deems advisable.
- 4. Maintain such special schools during vacation as deemed necessary for the benefit of the pupils of the school district.
- 5. Permit a superintendent or principal or representatives of the superintendent or principal to travel for a school purpose, as determined by a majority vote of the board. The board may permit members and members-elect

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of the board to travel within or without the school district for a school purpose and receive reimbursement. Any expenditure for travel and subsistence pursuant to this paragraph shall be as provided in title 38, chapter 4, article 2. The designated post of duty referred to in section 38-621 shall be construed, for school district governing board members, to be the member's actual place of residence, as opposed to the school district office or the school district boundaries. Such expenditures shall be a charge against the budgeted school district funds. The governing board of a school district shall prescribe procedures and amounts for reimbursement of lodging and subsistence expenses. Reimbursement amounts shall not exceed the maximum amounts established pursuant to section 38-624, subsection C.

- 6. Construct or provide in rural districts housing facilities for teachers and other school employees which the board determines are necessary for the operation of the school.
- 7. Sell or lease to the state, a county, a city or a tribal government agency, any school property required for a public purpose, provided the sale or lease of the property will not affect the normal operations of a school within the school district.
- 8. Annually budget and expend funds for membership in an association of school districts within this state.
- 9. Enter into leases or lease-purchase agreements for school buildings or grounds, or both, as lessor or as lessee, for periods of less than five years subject to voter approval for construction of school buildings as prescribed in section 15-341, subsection A, paragraph 8.
- 10. Subject to chapter 16 of this title, sell school sites or enter into leases or lease-purchase agreements for school buildings and grounds, as lessor or as lessee, for a period of five years or more, but not to exceed ninety-nine years, if authorized by a vote of the school district electors in an election called by the governing board as provided in section 15-491, except that authorization by the school district electors in an election is not required if one of the following requirements is met:
- (a) The market value of the school property is less than fifty thousand dollars.
- (b) The buildings and sites are completely funded with monies distributed by the school facilities board.
- (c) The transaction involves the sale of improved or unimproved property pursuant to an agreement with the school facilities board in which the school district agrees to sell the improved or unimproved property and transfer the proceeds of the sale to the school facilities board in exchange for monies from the school facilities board for the acquisition of a more suitable school site. For a sale of property acquired by a school district prior to July 9, 1998, a school district shall transfer to the school facilities board that portion of the proceeds that equals the cost of the acquisition of a more suitable school site. If there are any remaining proceeds after the transfer of funds MONIES to the school facilities board,

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a school district shall only use those remaining proceeds for future land purchases approved by the school facilities board, or for capital improvements not funded by the school facilities board for any existing or future facility.

- (d) The transaction involves the sale of improved or unimproved property pursuant to a formally adopted plan and the school district uses the proceeds of this sale to purchase other property that will be used for similar purposes as the property that was originally sold, provided that the sale proceeds of the improved or unimproved property are used within two years after the date of the original sale to purchase the replacement property. If the sale proceeds of the improved or unimproved property are not used within two years after the date of the original sale to purchase replacement property, the sale proceeds shall be used towards payment of any outstanding bonded indebtedness. If any sale proceeds remain after paying for outstanding bonded indebtedness, or if the district has no outstanding bonded indebtedness, sale proceeds shall be used to reduce the district's primary tax levy. A school district shall not use the provisions of this subdivision unless all of the following conditions exist:
- (i) The school district is the sole owner of the improved or unimproved property that the school district intends to sell.
- (ii) The school district did not purchase the improved or unimproved property that the school district intends to sell with monies that were distributed pursuant to chapter 16 of this title.
 - (iii) The transaction does not violate section 15-341, subsection G.
- Review the decision of a teacher to promote a pupil to a grade or retain a pupil in a grade in a common school or to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school. The pupil has the burden of proof to overturn the decision of a teacher to promote, retain, pass or fail the pupil. In order to sustain the burden of proof, the pupil shall demonstrate to the governing board that the pupil has mastered the academic standards adopted by the state board of education pursuant to sections 15-701 and 15-701.01. governing board overturns the decision of a teacher pursuant to this paragraph, the governing board shall adopt a written finding that the pupil has mastered the academic standards. Notwithstanding title 38, chapter 3, article 3.1, the governing board shall review the decision of a teacher to promote a pupil to a grade or retain a pupil in a grade in a common school or to pass or fail a pupil in a course in high school in executive session unless a parent or legal guardian of the pupil or the pupil, if emancipated, disagrees that the review should be conducted in executive session and then the review shall be conducted in an open meeting. If the review is conducted in executive session, the board shall notify the teacher of the date, time and place of the review and shall allow the teacher to be present at the review. If the teacher is not present at the review, the board shall consult with the teacher before making its decision. Any request, including the written request as provided in section 15-341, the written evidence presented

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at the review and the written record of the review, including the decision of the governing board to accept or reject the teacher's decision, shall be retained by the governing board as part of its permanent records.

- 12. Provide transportation or site transportation loading and unloading areas for any child or children if deemed for the best interest of the district, whether within or without the district, county or state.
- 13. Enter into intergovernmental agreements and contracts with school districts or other governing bodies as provided in section 11-952.
- 14. Include in the curricula which it prescribes for high schools in the school district CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, vocational EDUCATION and technological TECHNOLOGY education programs and CAREER AND TECHNICAL, vocational and technological TECHNOLOGY program improvement services for the high schools, subject to approval by the state board of education. The governing board may contract for the provision of CAREER AND TECHNICAL, vocational and technological TECHNOLOGY education as provided in section 15-789.
- 15. Suspend a teacher or administrator from his duties without pay for a period of time of not to exceed ten school days, if the board determines that suspension is warranted pursuant to section 15-341, subsection A, paragraphs 23 and 24.
- 16. Dedicate school property within an incorporated city or town to such city or town or within a county to that county for use as a public right-of-way if both of the following apply:
- (a) Pursuant to an ordinance adopted by such city, town or county, there will be conferred upon the school district privileges and benefits which may include benefits related to zoning.
- (b) The dedication will not affect the normal operation of any school within the district.
 - 17. Enter into option agreements for the purchase of school sites.
- 18. Donate surplus or outdated learning materials to nonprofit community organizations where the governing board determines that the anticipated cost of selling the learning materials equals or exceeds the estimated market value of the materials.
- 19. Prescribe policies for the assessment of reasonable fees for students to use district-provided parking facilities. The fees are to be applied by the district solely against costs incurred in operating or securing the parking facilities. Any policy adopted by the governing board pursuant to this paragraph shall include a fee waiver provision in appropriate cases of need or economic hardship.
- 20. Establish alternative educational programs that are consistent with the laws of this state to educate pupils, including pupils who have been reassigned pursuant to section 15-841, subsection E or F.
- 21. Require a period of silence to be observed at the commencement of the first class of the day in the schools. If a governing board chooses to require a period of silence to be observed, the teacher in charge of the room

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in which the first class is held shall announce that a period of silence not to exceed one minute in duration will be observed for meditation, and during that time no activities shall take place and silence shall be maintained.

- 22. Require students to wear uniforms.
- 23. Exchange unimproved property or improved property, including school sites, where the governing board determines that the improved property is unnecessary for the continued operation of the school district without requesting authorization by a vote of the school district electors if the governing board determines that the exchange is necessary to protect the health, safety or welfare of pupils or when the governing board determines that the exchange is based on sound business principles for either:
 - (a) Unimproved or improved property of equal or greater value.
- (b) Unimproved property that the owner contracts to improve if the value of the property ultimately received by the school district is of equal or greater value.
- 24. For common and high school pupils, assess reasonable fees for optional extracurricular activities and programs conducted when the common or high school is not in session, except that no fees shall be charged for pupils' access to or use of computers or related materials. For high school pupils, the governing board may assess reasonable fees for fine arts and vocational education courses and for optional services, equipment and materials offered to the pupils beyond those required to successfully complete the basic requirements of any other course, except that no fees shall be charged for pupils' access to or use of computers or related Fees assessed pursuant to this paragraph shall be adopted at a public meeting after notice has been given to all parents of pupils enrolled at schools in the district and shall not exceed the actual costs of the activities, programs, services, equipment or materials. The governing board shall authorize principals to waive the assessment of all or part of a fee assessed pursuant to this paragraph if it creates an economic hardship for For the purposes of this paragraph, "extracurricular activity" means any optional, noncredit, educational or recreational activity which supplements the education program of the school, whether offered before, during or after regular school hours.
- 25. Notwithstanding section 15-341, subsection A, paragraphs 8 and 10, construct school buildings and purchase or lease school sites, without a vote of the school district electors, if the buildings and sites are totally funded from one or more of the following:
- (a) Monies in the unrestricted capital outlay fund, except that the estimated cost shall not exceed two hundred fifty thousand dollars for a district that utilizes the provisions of section 15-949.
- (b) Monies distributed from the school facilities board established by section 15-2001.
- (c) Monies specifically donated for the purpose of constructing school buildings.

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Nothing in this paragraph shall be construed to eliminate the requirement for an election to raise revenues for a capital outlay override pursuant to section 15-481 or a bond election pursuant to section 15-491.

- 26. Conduct a background investigation that includes a fingerprint check conducted pursuant to section 41-1750, subsection G for certificated personnel and personnel who are not paid employees of the school district, as a condition of employment. A school district may release the results of a background check to another school district for employment purposes. The school district may charge the costs of fingerprint checks to its fingerprinted employee, except that the school district may not charge the costs of fingerprint checks for personnel who are not paid employees of the school district.
 - 27. Sell advertising space on the exterior of school buses as follows:
- (a) Advertisements shall be age appropriate and not contain promotion of any substance that is illegal for minors such as alcohol, tobacco and drugs or gambling. Advertisements shall comply with the state sex education policy of abstinence.
- (b) Advertising approved by the governing board may appear only on the sides of the bus in the following areas:
- (i) The signs shall be below the seat level rub rail and not extend above the bottom of the side windows.
- (ii) The signs shall be at least three inches from any required lettering, lamp, wheel well or reflector behind the service door or stop signal arm.
- (iii) The signs shall not extend from the body of the bus so as to allow a handhold or present a danger to pedestrians.
- (iv) The signs shall not interfere with the operation of any door or window.
 - (v) The signs shall not be placed on any emergency doors.
- (c) Establish a school bus advertisement fund that is comprised of revenues from the sale of advertising space on school buses. The monies in a school bus advertisement fund are not subject to reversion and shall be used for the following purposes:
- (i) To comply with the energy conservation measures prescribed in section 15-349 in school districts that are in area A as defined in section 49-541, and any remaining monies shall be used to purchase alternative fuel support vehicles and any other pupil related costs as determined by the governing board.
- (ii) For any pupil related costs as determined by the governing board in school districts not subject to the provisions of item (i) of this subdivision.
- 28. Assess reasonable damage deposits to pupils in grades seven through twelve for the use of textbooks, musical instruments, band uniforms or other equipment required for academic courses. The governing board shall adopt policies on any damage deposits assessed pursuant to this paragraph at

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a public meeting called for this purpose after providing notice to all parents of pupils in grades seven through twelve in the school district. Principals of individual schools within the district may waive the damage deposit requirement for any textbook or other item if the payment of the damage deposit would create an economic hardship for the pupil. The school district shall return the full amount of the damage deposit for any textbook or other item if the pupil returns the textbook or other item in reasonably good condition within the time period prescribed by the governing board. For the purposes of this paragraph, "in reasonably good condition" means the textbook or other item is in the same or a similar condition as it was when the pupil received it, plus ordinary wear and tear.

Sec. 3. Section 15-391, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-391. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "Joint board" means a joint technological education district governing board.
 - 2. "Joint district" means a joint technological education district.
- 3. "State board" means the state board for vocational and technological OF education.
 - Sec. 4. Section 15-392, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-392. Formation of district
- A. Notwithstanding any other provision of law, districts interested in forming a joint technological education district shall conduct a study to determine the need to establish a joint technological education district in an area consisting of two or more school districts. The districts shall also initiate a plan for the establishment and operation of the joint district, which shall include a proposed budget based on a reasonable estimate of student enrollment in the new joint district. Any school district may assist in the preparation and payment of costs of the study and plan. The districts shall file a copy of the plan with the governing board of each school district included in the plan for the joint district. The districts shall submit the results of the study and the plan, along with evidence of approval by the governing board of each school district included in the selected plan for the joint district, to the state board for vocational and technological OF education.
- B. If the state board for vocational and technological OF education determines that the plan submitted for the proposed joint district has met the requirements of this section, until December 31, 2001, the question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of each school district at a general election or at any other election held on a date prescribed in section 16-204. After December 31, 2001, the question shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the district seeking to become a part of the joint district at an election held on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November. If the electors in a district approve, then that district is authorized to participate in a joint technological education district. The

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joint district shall become operational on July 1 following the election held pursuant to this subsection except as provided in subsection D of this section.

- C. The governing boards of the school districts participating in the joint district may pay on a proportional basis the administrative, clerical and other expenses necessary for the establishment and operation of the joint district until monies are otherwise provided.
- D. A joint technological education district after receiving voter approval as provided in subsection B of this section shall be governed by a joint board consisting of members elected pursuant to section 15-393, except that the initial composition of the joint board shall consist of one person WHO IS not currently a board member of any school district AND WHO IS appointed by the governing board of each district participating in the joint technological education district. The terms of office of the joint board members shall become effective on January 1 following the election held pursuant to subsection B of this section. Upon the effective date of the term of office for joint board members, the joint board may begin necessary operations and activities related to making the district operational pursuant to subsection B of this section. If less than five districts are participating in the joint district, the initial composition of the joint board shall consist of two persons who are not currently board members of any school district AND WHO ARE appointed by each participating district's governing board. The appointed members shall serve until January 1 following the next general election. At the general election held next following the formation of the joint district and thereafter, joint board members shall be elected as prescribed in section 15-393.
 - Sec. 5. Section 15-393, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-393. <u>Joint technological education district governing board</u>
- A. The management and control of the joint district are vested in the joint technological education district governing board. Unless the governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district vote to implement an alternative election system as provided in subsection B of this section, the joint board shall consist of five members elected from five single member districts formed within the joint district. The single member district election system shall be submitted as part of the plan for the joint district pursuant to section 15-392 and shall be established in the plan as follows:
- 1. The governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district shall define the boundaries of the single member districts so that the single member districts are as nearly equal in population as is practicable, except that if the joint district lies in part in each of two or more counties, at least one single member district may be entirely within each of the counties comprising the joint district if this district design is consistent with the obligation to equalize the population among single member districts.

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- 2. The boundaries of each single member district shall follow election precinct boundary lines, as far as practicable, in order to avoid further segmentation of the precincts.
- 3. A person who is a registered voter of this state and who is a resident of the single member district is eligible for election to the office of joint board member from the single member district. The terms of office of the members of the joint board shall be as prescribed in section 15-427, subsection B.
- 4. Nominating petitions shall be signed by the number of qualified electors of the single member district as provided in section 16-322.
- B. The governing boards of the school districts participating in the formation of the joint district may vote to implement any other alternative election system for the election of joint district board members. If an alternative election system is selected, it shall be submitted as part of the plan for the joint district pursuant to section 15-392, and the implementation of the system shall be as approved by the United States justice department.
- C. The joint technological education district shall be subject to the following provisions of this title:
 - 1. Chapter 1, articles 1 through 6.
 - 2. Sections 15-208, 15-210, 15-213 and 15-234.
 - 3. Chapter 3, articles 2, 3 and 5.
 - 4. Section 15-361.
 - 5. Chapter 4, articles 1, 2 and 5.
 - 6. Chapter 5, articles 1, 2 and 3.
- 7. Sections 15-701.01, 15-722, 15-723, 15-724, 15-727, 15-728, 15-729 and 15-730.
 - 8. Chapter 7, article 5.
 - 9. Chapter 8, articles 1, 3 and 4.
 - 10. Sections 15-828 and 15-829.
 - 11. Chapter 9, articles 1, 6 and 7.
 - 12. Sections 15-941, 15-943.01, 15-948, 15-952, 15-953 and 15-973.
 - 13. Sections 15-1101 and 15-1104.
 - 14. Chapter 10, articles 2, 3, 4 and 8.
 - D. Notwithstanding subsection C of this section, the following apply to a joint technological education district:
 - 1. A joint district may issue bonds for the purposes specified in section 15-1021 and in chapter 4, article 5 of this title to an amount in the aggregate, including the existing indebtedness, not exceeding one per cent of the taxable property used for secondary tax purposes, as determined pursuant to title 42, chapter 15, article 1, within the joint technological education district as ascertained by the last property tax assessment previous to issuing the bonds.
 - 2. The number of governing board members for a joint district shall be as prescribed in subsection A of this section.

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- 3. If a CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational EDUCATION and technological course or program provided pursuant to this article is provided in a facility owned and operated by a school district in which a pupil is enrolled, the sum of the daily attendance, as provided in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 6, for that pupil in both the school district and joint technological education district shall not exceed 1.250 and the sum of the fractional student enrollment, as provided in section 15-901, subsection A, paragraph 2, subdivision (a), shall not exceed 1.250 for the courses taken in the school district and the facility. The school district and the joint district shall determine the apportionment of the daily attendance and fractional student enrollment for that pupil between the school district and the joint district.
- 4. The student count for the first year of operation of a joint technological education district as provided in this article shall be determined as follows:
- (a) Determine the estimated student count for joint district classes which will operate in the first year of operation. This estimate shall be based upon actual registration of pupils as of March 30 scheduled to attend classes which will be operated by the joint district. The student count for the district of residence of the pupils registered at the joint district shall be adjusted. The adjustment shall cause the district of residence to reduce the student count for the pupil to reflect the courses to be taken at the joint district. The district of residence shall review and approve the adjustment of its own student count as provided in this subdivision before the pupils from the school district can be added to the student count of the joint district.
- (b) The student count for the new joint district shall be the student count as determined in subdivision (a) of this paragraph.
- (c) After the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the first year of operation, the joint district shall revise the student count to the actual student count for students attending classes in the joint district. A joint district shall revise its student count and revise the base support level as provided in section 15-943.02, the revenue control limit, as provided in section 15-944.01, the capital outlay revenue limit and the soft capital allocation, as provided in section 15-962.01 prior to May 15. A joint district which overestimated its student count shall revise its budget prior to May 15. A joint district which underestimated its student count may revise its budget prior to May 15.
- (d) After the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the first year of operation, the district of residence shall adjust its student count by reducing it to reflect the courses actually taken at the joint district. The district of residence shall revise its student count, the base support level as provided in section 15-943, the revenue control limit as provided in section 15-944, the capital outlay revenue limit as provided in section 15-961 and the soft capital allocation

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as provided in section 15-962 prior to May 15. A district which underestimated the student count for students attending the joint district shall revise its budget prior to May 15. A district which overestimated the student count for students attending the joint district may revise its budget prior to May 15.

- (e) A joint district for the first year of operation shall not be eligible for the provisions of section 15-948.
- (f) The procedures for implementing the provisions of this paragraph shall be as prescribed in the uniform system of financial records.
- (g) If the district of residence utilizes the provisions of section 15-942 to determine its student count, the district shall reduce its student count as provided in this paragraph by subtracting the appropriate count from the student count determined as provided in section 15-942.
- (h) For the purposes of this paragraph, "district of residence" means the district which included the pupil in its average daily membership for the year before the first year of operation of the joint district and would have included the pupil in its student count for the purposes of computing its base support level for the fiscal year of the first year of operation of the joint district if the pupil had not enrolled in the joint district.
- 5. A student includes any person enrolled in the joint district without regard to the person's age or high school graduation status.
- 6. A joint district may operate for more than one hundred seventy-five days per year, with expanded hours of service.
- 7. A joint district may use the excess utility costs provisions of section 15-910 in the same manner as a school district for fiscal years 1999-2000 and 2000-2001, except that the base year shall be the first full fiscal year of operations.
- 8. A joint district may use the carryforward provisions of section 15-943.01 retroactively to July 1, 1993.
- E. The joint board shall appoint a superintendent as the executive officer of the joint district.
- F. Taxes may be levied for the support of the joint district as prescribed in chapter 9, article 6 of this title. Except for the taxes levied pursuant to section 15-994, such taxes shall be obtained from a levy of taxes upon the taxable property used for secondary tax purposes.
- G. The schools in the joint district are available to all children of school age who reside in the joint district subject to the rules for admission prescribed by the joint board.
- H. The joint board may collect tuition for adult students and the attendance of pupils who are residents of school districts which are not participating in the joint district pursuant to arrangements made between the governing board of the district and the joint board.
- I. The joint board may accept gifts, grants, federal monies, tuition and other allocations of monies to erect, repair and equip buildings and for the cost of operation of the schools of the joint district.

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- J. One member of the joint board shall be selected chairman. The chairman shall be selected annually on a rotation basis from among the participating school districts. The chairman of the joint board shall be a voting member.
- K. A joint board and a community college district may enter into agreements for the provision of administrative, operational and educational services and facilities.
 - Sec. 6. Section 15-531, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-531. <u>Fees</u>

The state board of education may fix and collect fees for:

- 1. Issuance and evaluation, singly or both, including provisional, basic or standard teaching certificate, administrative, specialized service, nurse, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, vocational EDUCATION or substitute, special subject endorsements including guidance-counselor, art, music, physical education, industrial arts, librarian or driver training, one year and multi-year certificates including adult education, emergency or intern certificates, not less than twenty dollars and not more than thirty dollars.
- 2. Renewal of any certificate, name changes, duplicates or changes of coding to existing files or certificates, not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars.
- 3. Administration and evaluation of the examination on the Constitutions of the United States and Arizona, not less than six dollars and not more than twelve dollars for regularly scheduled administrations and not less than twelve dollars and not more than twenty dollars for administrations other than regularly scheduled administrations.
- 4. Administration and evaluation of the reading, grammar and mathematics proficiency examination for applicants for teaching certificates, not less than ten dollars and not more than twenty dollars.

Sec. 7. Heading change

The article heading of title 15, chapter 7, article 5, Arizona Revised Statutes, is changed from "VOCATIONAL EDUCATION" to "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION".

Sec. 8. Section 15-781, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-781. <u>Definitions</u>

In this article, unless the context otherwise requires:

- 1. "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION" MEANS VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL PREPARATION PROGRAMS FOR PUPILS IN GRADES NINE THROUGH TWELVE.
- 1. 2. "Occupation" means the principal employment, paid or unpaid, of a person.
- 2. 3. "Program improvement services" means those activities, services and functions carried out to develop, support and improve the quality of CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education programs, including teacher education, curriculum, guidance and administration.

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- 3. 4. "Program standards" means models designed to serve as a guide in the establishment, maintenance and evaluation of quality CAREER AND TECHNICAL, vocational, and technical education programs.
- 4. 5. "Training provider" means an agency, council or organization providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education or employment training, or both.
- 5. 6. "Unpaid employment" means work in recognized occupations for which there is no direct financial compensation.
- 6. "Vocational and technical education" means vocational and technical preparation programs.
- 7. "Vocational and technical preparation" means an organized set of specialized courses which is directly related to the preparation of persons for occupations that normally do not require a baccalaureate or advanced degree for paid or unpaid employment or advancement and which is designed in total to provide a pupil with sufficient skills for entry into an occupation.
- Sec. 9. Section 15-781.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-781.02. <u>Meetings; majority required for validation; travel</u> <u>expenses; immunity</u>

- A. The state board for vocational and technological OF education shall hold four regular meetings annually at times it directs UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 15-784 FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROVIDING CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION. Special meetings may be held on the call of the presiding officer.
- B. Concurrence of a majority of all members of the board is necessary for validation of an act of the board.
- C. Members shall be allowed travel expenses and reimbursement for subsistence, as provided by title 38, chapter 4, article 2, to be paid on claims approved by the superintendent of public instruction, as other claims against the state are paid, from the appropriation for the board authorized in the general appropriations bill ACT.
- D. Members of the board are immune from personal liability with respect to all acts done and actions taken in good faith within the scope of their authority during duly constituted regular and special meetings with approval of a majority of the board.
- E. The superintendent of public instruction is the executive officer of the board.
 - Sec. 10. Section 15-782, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-782. Career and technical education and vocational education
- A. A school having satisfactory facilities and equipment and which is fit to provide CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational education, such as agriculture, business and office education, health occupations, home economics, industrial education, marketing and distribution and public and personal services, shall, upon application made by the governing board to the state board of education, be designated to maintain a department consisting

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of such CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational education programs and program improvement services for pupils in grades seven through twelve.

- B. Instruction in the department shall be of a practical character.
- C. The governing board shall employ trained instructors with qualifications fixed by the state board of education, shall provide suitable classrooms and laboratory facilities for such instruction according to rules established by the state board of education and may provide a tract of land, together with buildings, machinery, tools, equipment and appliances, suitable for field work in agriculture.
- Sec. 11. Section 15-782.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-782.02. <u>Career and technical education and vocational</u> <u>education programs; expanded hours</u>

- A. School districts with CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational EDUCATION programs may offer vocational educational services without regard to students' age or high school graduation status. Persons over twenty-two years of age shall not attend vocational programs in high school buildings during regular school hours. The department of education shall distribute twenty-six dollars for every day that a full-time student attends an extended year or summer school program in a joint technological education district and thirteen dollars for every day that a part-time student attends an extended year or summer school program in a joint technological education district, subject to appropriation.
- B. School districts with CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational educational programs may operate those programs for more than one hundred seventy-five days per year, with expanded hours of service.
- C. CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational educational programs run by school districts may charge tuition to offset expenses associated with serving adult students.
 - Sec. 12. Section 15-783, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-783. Evaluation of career and technical education and vocational education programs

The governing board of a school district shall provide for a self-evaluation of its CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education programs annually. The assessment shall be conducted in cooperation with and with assistance from business, industry or labor representatives. The evaluation shall be conducted in the manner prescribed by the state board for vocational and technological OF education and the results shall be submitted to the department of education as prescribed by the state board.

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Sec. 13. Section 15-784, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-784. Career and technical education and vocational
education; acceptance of congressional act;
appropriation; distribution of federal monies;
intergovernmental agreements

- A. The state assents to the provisions and accepts the benefits of the vocational education act of 1917, as amended, and the vocational education act of 1963, as amended by the Carl D. Perkins vocational education act of 1984, as amended by the Carl D. Perkins vocational and applied technological education act amendments of 1990, AS AMENDED BY THE CARL D. PERKINS VOCATIONAL AND APPLIED TECHNOLOGY ACT OF 1998.
- B. The state board for vocational and technological OF education, as prescribed by section 15-781.01, is the state board of vocational education for the purposes of the acts. The state treasurer is designated custodian for vocational education for the purposes of the acts. He shall receive and provide for the custody and disbursement of all monies paid to the state for the purposes of vocational education.
- C. There is appropriated from the general fund of the state sufficient monies to meet the requirements of the acts of Congress.
- D. The state board for vocational and technological OF education may distribute the monies it receives as provided in subsection A of this section to any eligible recipient of the monies under the federal law.
- E. The state board for vocational and technological OF education shall distribute to the state board of directors for community colleges at least fifteen per cent of the monies received as provided in subsection A of this section. The state board of directors for community colleges has sole responsibility for the administration and supervision of the community college CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION programs which the districts offer for the purposes of the acts and use of the monies received as provided in this section. The state board of directors for community colleges may enter into intergovernmental agreements as provided in section 11-952 for the purposes of this subsection.

Sec. 14. Section 15-785, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-785. Career and technical education and vocational education schools; expenses; allocations from federal funds

Any school district may organize schools or classes in accordance with the provisions of the federal law accepted by section 15-784 and the rules and regulations of the state board of vocational education. The school district shall be eligible for allocations from federal funds and from the appropriation for the state board of an amount which is not more than seventy-five per cent of all the expenditures for vocational education in such schools or classes. The state board shall make allocations upon signed statements of assurances and reports from the school districts covering the details of such expenditures.

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Sec. 15. Section 15-786, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-786. Acceptance of gifts or grants: fund: unexpended monies

- A. The state board for vocational and technical OF education may accept gifts or grants of monies or property from public or private sources. The state board shall place the monies in a separate account designated as the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education fund.
- B. If all or part of the monies accepted by the state board as provided in subsection A are not expended prior to the end of the fiscal year in which the gift or grant was accepted, the remaining balance of the amount remains in the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education fund until needed and does not revert to the state general fund at the close of the fiscal year.
 - Sec. 16. Section 15-787, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-787. Eligibility: allocation: plan
- A. A school district or a district formed for the purposes of this article as prescribed by the terms of this article may be eligible for allocation of funds from the state board of vocational education provided the district offering CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational education meets minimum standards and requirements approved by the state board of vocational education.
- B. The state board of vocational education may allocate from its available appropriation any amount it deems appropriate for the use of a school district or a district formed for the purposes of this article, and such allocation may be for administrative costs, equipment or capital outlay.
- C. The state board of vocational education shall develop a state plan for CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational education which provides for the distribution of technical-vocational CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION funds to school districts or districts formed for the purposes of this article meeting the minimum requirements provided for in the state plan for technical-vocational CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL education.
 - Sec. 17. Section 15-788, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-788. Exemption from certain requirements: exception
- A. Any building, structure, addition or alteration constructed by vocational education students shall be exempt from section 34-201 and title 41, chapter 23 and may be constructed without advertising for bids. This exemption shall not be construed to permit teaching or nonteaching school personnel to do any construction, building or alteration to a building while under the jurisdiction of a school program without complying with section 34-201 and title 41, chapter 23.
- B. All purchases of supplies, materials and equipment for such construction by CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational EDUCATION students shall follow bidding procedures as established by the state board of education pursuant to section 15-213.

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 Sec. 18. Section 15-789, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-789. Contracting and cooperative arrangements for career and technical education and vocational education: advisory committee

- A. The governing board of a school district may contract with any public body or with any private person for the purpose of providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education. For purposes of this subsection, school districts are exempt from section 15-213.
- B. School districts or community college districts may independently or jointly make application for CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education monies.
- C. School districts and community college districts may provide for joint cooperation among themselves and with each other and with any educational institution eligible to receive CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational education monies as provided in section 15-784 for the purposes of providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education and for the use of each other's facilities and personnel.
- D. School districts, among themselves or with community college districts, may jointly purchase, sell, lease or lease-purchase land, buildings or other real or personal property for the purposes of providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical including establishing a jointly owned and operated vocational and technical center, if:
- 1. The districts enter into an intergovernmental agreement pursuant to section 11-952.
- 2. The state board of education and, if a community college district is a party to the agreement, the state board of directors for community colleges approve the intergovernmental agreement.
- E. If one or more school districts, among themselves or with a community college district, enter into an intergovernmental agreement to establish a jointly owned and operated vocational and technical center, the governing boards of the districts shall establish a joint advisory committee for the vocational and technical center consisting of:
- 1. At least one member of each school district governing board or a designated district staff representative appointed by the respective school district governing board.
- 2. If a community college is a party to the agreement, members of the community college district board or designated district staff representatives appointed by the community college district board equal in number to the total number of persons appointed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 3. Members engaged in commerce or industry in this state equal in number to the total number of persons appointed pursuant to paragraph 1 of this subsection, jointly appointed by the district governing boards.
- F. A school district and a community college district may jointly accept gifts or grants of monies, land or other real or personal property for

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the purpose of providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education and may administer or dispose of the property in accordance with the purpose of the gift or grant.

Sec. 19. Section 15-790, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-790. Primary responsibility of school districts, community college districts and universities

- A. School district governing boards have the primary responsibility for providing career exploration and entry level CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education.
- B. Community college district governing boards have the primary responsibility for providing postsecondary technological education and advanced CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education, including the retraining and upgrading of a student's occupational skills. Community college district governing boards in conjunction with the state board for private postsecondary education have the major responsibility for providing CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education which focuses on the economic development of this state.
- C. Universities have the primary responsibility for research related to CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education.

Sec. 20. Section 15-802, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-802. School instruction: exceptions: violations:

classification; definitions

- A. Every child between the ages of six and sixteen years shall attend a school and shall be provided instruction in at least the subjects of reading, grammar, mathematics, social studies and science. The person who has custody of the child shall choose a public, private, charter or home school as defined in this section to provide instruction.
 - B. The parent or person who has custody shall do the following:
- 1. If the child will attend a public, private or charter school, enroll the child in and ensure that the child attends a public, private or charter school for the full time school is in session. If a child attends a school which is operated on a year-round basis the child shall regularly attend during school sessions that total not less than one hundred seventy-five school days or two hundred school days, as applicable, or the equivalent as approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 2. If the child will attend a private school or home school, file an affidavit of intent with the county school superintendent stating that the child is attending a regularly organized private school or is being provided with instruction in a home school. The affidavit of intent shall include:
 - (a) The child's name.
 - (b) The child's date of birth.
 - (c) The current address of the school the child is attending.
- (d) The names, telephone numbers and addresses of the persons who currently have custody of the child.

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- 3. If the child will attend home school, the child has not reached eight years of age by September 1 of the school year and the person who has custody of the child does not desire to begin home instruction until the child has reached eight years of age, file an affidavit of intent pursuant to subsection B, paragraph 2 OF THIS SUBSECTION stating that the person who has custody of the child does not desire to begin home school instruction.
- C. An affidavit of intent shall be filed within thirty days from the time the child begins to attend a private school or home school and is not required thereafter unless the private school or the home school instruction is terminated and then resumed. The person who has custody of the child shall notify the county school superintendent within thirty days of the termination that the child is no longer being instructed at a private school or a home school. If the private school or home school instruction is resumed, the person who has custody of the child shall file another affidavit of intent with the county school superintendent within thirty days.
- D. A person is excused from the duties prescribed by subsection A or B of this section if any of the following are shown to the satisfaction of the school principal or the school principal's designee:
- 1. The child is in such physical or mental condition that instruction is inexpedient or impracticable.
- 2. The child has completed the high school course of study necessary for completion of grade ten as prescribed by the state board of education.
- 3. The child has presented reasons for nonattendance at a public school which are satisfactory to the school principal or the school principal's designee. For purposes of this paragraph, the principal's designee may be the school district governing board.
- 4. The child is over fourteen years of age and is, with the consent of the person who has custody of him, employed at some lawful wage earning occupation.
- 5. The child is enrolled in a work training, career education, CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, vocational EDUCATION or manual training program which meets the educational standards established and approved by the department of education.
 - 6. The child was either:
- (a) Suspended and not directed to participate in an alternative education program.
- (b) Expelled from a public school as provided in article 3 of this chapter.
- 7. The child is enrolled in an education program provided by a state educational or other institution.
- E. Unless otherwise exempted in this section or section 15-803, a parent of a child between six and sixteen years of age or a person who has custody of a child, who does not provide instruction in a home school and who fails to enroll or fails to ensure that the child attends a public, private or charter school pursuant to this section is guilty of a class 3

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misdemeanor. A parent who fails to comply with the duty to file an affidavit of intent to provide instruction in a home school is guilty of a petty offense.

- F. For the purposes of this section:
- 1. "Home school" means a school conducted primarily by the parent, guardian or other person who has custody of the child or instruction provided in the child's home.
- 2. "Private school" means a nonpublic institution, other than the child's home, where academic instruction is provided for at least the same number of days and hours each year as a public school.
- Sec. 21. Section 15-901, Arizona Revised Statutes, as amended by Laws 2001, second special session, chapter 9, section 2, is amended to read:

15-901. Definitions

- A. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Average daily attendance" or "ADA" means actual average daily attendance through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable.
- 2. "Average daily membership" means the total enrollment of fractional students and full-time students, minus withdrawals, of each school day through the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, for the current year. Withdrawals include students formally withdrawn from schools and students absent for ten consecutive school days, except for excused absences as identified by the department of education. For computation purposes, the effective date of withdrawal shall be retroactive to the last day of actual attendance of the student.
 - (a) "Fractional student" means:
- (i) For common schools, until fiscal year 2001-2002, a preschool child who is enrolled in a program for preschool children with disabilities of at least three hundred sixty minutes each week or a kindergarten student at least five years of age prior to January 1 of the school year and enrolled in a school kindergarten program that meets at least three hundred forty-six instructional hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred forty-eight hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-two hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-four hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the kindergarten program shall meet at least three hundred fifty-six hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours unless the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented. In computing the average daily membership, preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten students shall be counted as one-half of

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44 45 a full-time student. For common schools, a part-time student is a student enrolled for less than the total time for a full-time student as defined in this section. A part-time common school student shall be counted as one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time student if the student is enrolled in an instructional program that is at least one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of the time a full-time student is enrolled as defined in subdivision (b) of this paragraph.

- (ii) For high schools, a part-time student who is enrolled in less than four subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school and who is taught in less than twenty instructional hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days. A part-time high school student shall be counted as one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time student if the student is enrolled in an instructional program that is at least one-fourth, one-half or three-fourths of a full-time instructional program as defined in subdivision (c) of this paragraph.
 - (b) "Full-time student" means:
- (i) For common schools, a student who is at least six years of age prior to January 1 of a school year, who has not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district and who is regularly enrolled in a course of study required by the state board of education. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, first, second and third grade students, ungraded students at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group B children with disabilities who are at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least six hundred ninety-two hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least six hundred ninety-six hours. fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least seven hundred hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least seven hundred four hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least seven hundred eight hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and in each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least seven hundred twelve hours. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, fourth, fifth and sixth grade students or ungraded students at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least eight hundred sixty-five hours during the minimum number of school days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. fiscal year 2001–2002, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy In fiscal year 2002–2003, the program shall meet at least eight hundred seventy-five hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty-five hours, In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety hours. Until fiscal year 2001-2002, seventh and eighth

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grade students or ungraded students at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 must be enrolled in an instructional program that meets for a total of at least one thousand thirty-eight hours during the minimum number of days required in a school year as provided in section 15-341. In fiscal year 2001-2002, the program shall meet at least one thousand forty-four hours. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the program shall meet at least one thousand fifty-six hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-two hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the program shall meet at least one thousand sixty-eight hours. Lunch periods and recess periods may not be included as part of the instructional hours unless the student is a child with a disability and the child's individualized education program requires instruction during those periods and the specific reasons for such instruction are fully documented.

- (ii) For high schools, a student not graduated from the highest grade taught in the school district, or an ungraded student at least fourteen years of age by September 1, and enrolled in at least a full-time instructional program of subjects that count toward graduation as defined by the state board of education in a recognized high school. A full-time student shall not be counted more than once for computation of average daily membership.
- (iii) For homebound or hospitalized, a student receiving at least four hours of instruction per week.
- (c) "Full-time instructional program" means at least four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, through fiscal year 2000-2001, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, or one or more subjects taught in amounts of time totalling at least twenty hours per week prorated for any week with fewer than five school days. For fiscal years after 2000-2001:
- (i) In fiscal years 2001-2002 and 2002-2003, each subject shall meet at least one hundred twenty-two hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004 and each fiscal year thereafter, each subject shall meet at least one hundred twenty-three hours.
- (ii) For grades nine, ten and eleven, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty hours in fiscal year 2001-2002. In fiscal year 2002-2003, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred eighty-five hours. In fiscal year 2003-2004, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety hours. In fiscal year 2004-2005, the total program shall meet at least eight hundred ninety-five hours. In fiscal year 2005-2006 and each fiscal year thereafter, the total program shall meet at least nine hundred hours.
- 3. "Budget year" means the fiscal year for which the school district is budgeting and which immediately follows the current year.

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- 4. "Common school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through eight.
- 5. "Current year" means the fiscal year in which a school district is operating.
 - 6. "Daily attendance" means:
 - (a) For common schools, days in which a pupil:
- (i) Of a kindergarten program or ungraded, but not group B children with disabilities, and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day. If the total instruction time scheduled for the year is at least three hundred forty-six hours but is less than six hundred ninety-two hours such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance. If the instructional time scheduled for the year is at least six hundred ninety-two hours, "daily attendance" means days in which a pupil attends at least one-half of the instructional time scheduled for the day. Such attendance shall be counted as one-half day of attendance.
- (ii) Of the first, second or third grades, ungraded and at least six, but under nine, years of age by September 1 or ungraded group B children with disabilities and at least five, but under six, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day.
- (iii) Of the fourth, fifth or sixth grades or ungraded and at least nine, but under twelve, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.
- (iv) Of the seventh or eighth grades or ungraded and at least twelve, but under fourteen, years of age by September 1 attends more than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day, except as provided in section 15-797.
- (b) For common schools, the attendance of a pupil at three-quarters or less of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as follows, except as provided in section 15-797 and except that attendance for a fractional student shall not exceed the pupil's fractional membership:
- (i) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on quarter days, the attendance of a pupil shall be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each one-fourth of full-time instructional time attended.
- (ii) If attendance for all pupils in the school is based on half days, the attendance of at least three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day shall be counted as a full day's attendance and attendance at a minimum of one-half but less than three-quarters of the instructional time scheduled for the day equals one-half day of attendance.
- (c) For common schools, the attendance of a preschool child with disabilities shall be counted as one-fourth day's attendance for each thirty-six minutes of attendance not including lunch periods and recess

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periods, except as provided in paragraph 2, subdivision (a), item (i) of this subsection for children with disabilities up to a maximum of three hundred sixty minutes each week.

- (d) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil shall not be counted as a full day unless the pupil is actually and physically in attendance and enrolled in and carrying four subjects, each of which, if taught each school day for the minimum number of days required in a school year, would meet a minimum of one hundred twenty hours a year, or the equivalent, that count toward graduation in a recognized high school except as provided in section 15-797 and subdivision (e) of this paragraph. Attendance of a pupil carrying less than the load prescribed shall be prorated.
- (e) For high schools or ungraded schools in which the pupil is at least fourteen years of age by September 1, the attendance of a pupil may be counted as one-fourth of a day's attendance for each sixty minutes of instructional time in a subject that counts toward graduation, except that attendance for a pupil shall not exceed the pupil's full or fractional membership.
- (f) For homebound or hospitalized, a full day of attendance may be counted for each day during a week in which the student receives at least four hours of instruction.
- (g) For school districts which maintain school for an approved year-round school year operation, attendance shall be based on a computation, as prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction, of the one hundred eighty days' equivalency or two hundred days' equivalency, as applicable, of instructional time as approved by the superintendent of public instruction during which each pupil is enrolled.
 - 7. "Daily route mileage" means the sum of:
- (a) The total number of miles driven daily by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible students from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on scheduled routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction.
- (b) The total number of miles driven daily on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible student from the place of his residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school of attendance to his residence.
- Daily route mileage includes the total number of miles necessary to drive to transport eligible students from and to their residence as provided in this paragraph.
- 8. "District support level" means the base support level plus the transportation support level.

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- 9. "Eligible students" means:
- (a) Students who are transported by or for a school district and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students, except students for whom transportation is paid by another school district or a county school superintendent, and:
- (i) For common school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one mile from the school facility of attendance.
- (ii) For high school students, whose place of actual residence within the school district is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance or students who are admitted pursuant to section 15-816.01 and who meet the economic eligibility requirements established under the national school lunch and child nutrition acts (42 United States Code sections 1751 through 1785) for free or reduced price lunches and whose actual place of residence outside the school district boundaries is more than one and one-half miles from the school facility of attendance.
- (b) Kindergarten students, for purposes of computing the number of eligible students under subdivision (a), item (i) of this paragraph, shall be counted as full-time students, notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- (c) Children with disabilities, as defined by section 15-761, who are transported by or for the school district or who are admitted pursuant to chapter 8, article 1.1 of this title and who qualify as full-time students or fractional students regardless of location or residence within the school district or children with disabilities whose transportation is required by the pupil's individualized education program.
- (d) Students whose residence is outside the school district and who are transported within the school district on the same basis as students who reside in the school district.
- 10. "Enrolled" or "enrollment" means when a pupil is currently registered in the school district.
- 11. "GDP price deflator" means the average of the four implicit price deflators for the gross domestic product reported by the United States department of commerce for the four quarters of the calendar year.
- 12. "High school district" means a political subdivision of this state offering instruction to students for grades nine through twelve or that portion of the budget of a common school district which is allocated to teaching high school subjects with permission of the state board of education.
- 13. "Revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit plus the transportation revenue control limit.

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- 14. "Student count" means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the fiscal year prior to the current year, except that for the purpose of budget preparation student count means average daily membership as prescribed in this subsection for the current year.
- 15. "Submit electronically" means submitted in a format and in a manner prescribed by the department of education.
- 16. "Total bus mileage" means the total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district during the school year.
- 17. "Total students transported" means all eligible students transported from their place of residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance or from the school transportation scheduled return point to their place of residence.
- 18. "Unified school district" means a political subdivision of the state offering instruction to students in programs for preschool children with disabilities and kindergarten programs and grades one through twelve.
 - B. In this title, unless the context otherwise requires:
- 1. "Base" means the revenue level per student count specified by the legislature.
 - 2. "Base level" means:
- (a) For fiscal year 1999-2000, two thousand five hundred fifty-nine dollars ninety-three cents.
- (b) For fiscal year 2000-2001, two thousand five hundred eighty-five dollars sixty cents.
- (c) For fiscal year 2001-2002, two thousand six hundred eighty-seven dollars thirty-two cents.
- (d) For fiscal year 2002-2003, two thousand seven hundred fifty-three dollars ninety cents.
- 3. "Base revenue control limit" means the base revenue control limit computed as provided in section 15-944.
- 4. "Base support level" means the base support level as provided in section 15-943.
- 5. "Certified teacher" means a person who is certified as a teacher pursuant to the rules adopted by the state board of education, who renders direct and personal services to school children in the form of instruction related to the school district's educational course of study and who is paid from the maintenance and operation section of the budget.
- 6. "ED, MIMR, SLD, SLI and OHI" means programs for children with emotional disabilities, mild mental retardation, a specific learning disability, a speech/language impairment and other health impairments.
- 7. "ED-P" means programs for children with emotional disabilities who are enrolled in private special education programs as prescribed in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 1 or in an intensive school district program as provided in section 15-765, subsection D, paragraph 2.

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- 8. "ELL" means English learners who do not speak English or whose native language is not English, who are not currently able to perform ordinary classroom work in English and who are enrolled in an English language education program pursuant to sections 15-751, 15-752 and 15-753.
- 9. "Full-time equivalent certified teacher" or "FTE certified teacher" means for a certified teacher the following:
 - (a) If employed full time as defined in section 15-501, 1.00.
- (b) If employed less than full time, multiply 1.00 by the percentage of a full school day, or its equivalent, or a full class load, or its equivalent, for which the teacher is employed as determined by the governing board.
- 10. "Group A" means educational programs for career exploration, a specific learning disability, an emotional disability, mild mental retardation, remedial education, a speech/language impairment, homebound, bilingual, preschool moderate delay, preschool speech/language delay, other health impairments and gifted pupils.
- 11. "Group B" means educational improvements for pupils in kindergarten programs and grades one through three, educational programs for autism, a hearing impairment, moderate mental retardation, multiple disabilities, multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment, orthopedic impairments, preschool severe delay, severe mental retardation and emotional disabilities for school age pupils enrolled in private special education programs or in school district programs for children with severe disabilities or visual impairment and English learners enrolled in a program to promote English language proficiency pursuant to section 15-752.
 - 12. "HI" means programs for pupils with hearing impairment.
- "Homebound" or "hospitalized" means a pupil who is capable of profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school due to illness, disease, accident or other health conditions, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for a period of not less than three school months or a pupil who is capable of profiting from academic instruction but is unable to attend school regularly due to chronic or acute health problems, who has been examined by a competent medical doctor and who is certified by that doctor as being unable to attend regular classes for intermittent periods of time totaling three school months during a school year. medical certification shall state the general medical condition, such as illness, disease or chronic health condition, that is the reason that the Homebound or hospitalized includes a pupil is unable to attend school. student who is unable to attend school for a period of less than three months due to a pregnancy if a competent medical doctor, after an examination, certifies that the student is unable to attend regular classes due to risk to the pregnancy or to the student's health.
 - 14. "K-3" means kindergarten programs and grades one through three.

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- 15. "MD-R, A-R and SMR-R" means resource programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 16. "MD-SC, A-SC and SMR-SC" means self-contained programs for pupils with multiple disabilities, autism and severe mental retardation.
- 17. "MDSSI" means a program for pupils with multiple disabilities with severe sensory impairment.
 - 18. "MOMR" means programs for pupils with moderate mental retardation.
- 19. "OI-R" means a resource program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 20. "OI-SC" means a self-contained program for pupils with orthopedic impairments.
- 21. "PSD" means preschool programs for children with disabilities as provided in section 15-771.
- 22. "P-SD" means programs for children who meet the definition of preschool severe delay as provided in section 15-771.
- 23. "Qualifying tax rate" means the qualifying tax rate specified in section 15-971 applied to the assessed valuation used for primary property taxes.
- 24. "Small isolated school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:
- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains no school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school, or, if road conditions and terrain make the driving slow or hazardous, fifteen miles from another school which teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.
- (c) Is designated as a small isolated school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 25. "Small school district" means a school district which meets all of the following:
- (a) Has a student count of fewer than six hundred in kindergarten programs and grades one through eight or grades nine through twelve.
- (b) Contains at least one school which is fewer than thirty miles by the most reasonable route from another school which teaches one or more of the same grades and is operated by another school district in this state.
- (c) Is designated as a small school district by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 26. "Transportation revenue control limit" means the transportation revenue control limit computed as prescribed in section 15-946.
- 27. "Transportation support level" means the support level for pupil transportation operating expenses as provided in section 15-945.
 - 28. "VI" means programs for pupils with visual impairments.
- 29. "Voc. Ed." means CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education programs, as defined in section 15-781, except that

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for the purpose of computing the district support level as provided in this title vocational and technological education programs only include approved vocational and technological programs for students in grades nine through twelve.

Sec. 22. Section 15-905.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-905.01. <u>Truth in taxation; calculation; notice and hearing;</u> vote on tax increase

- A. Each school district shall determine its truth in taxation base limit for expenditures as follows:
- 1. Determine the amounts budgeted in fiscal year 1999-2000 for expenditures in the following categories:
 - (a) Desegregation pursuant to section 15-910.
 - (b) Dropout prevention programs.
 - (c) Excess utilities pursuant to section 15-910.
- (d) CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical EDUCATION center operations pursuant to section 15-910.01.
 - (e) Small school adjustments pursuant to section 15-949.
- 2. The sum of the expenditures in paragraph 1 of this subsection for fiscal year 1999-2000 shall become the truth in taxation base limit.
- 3. For any year after fiscal year 1999-2000, a school district whose aggregate budgeted expenditures for the expenditures prescribed in paragraph 1 of this subsection exceed the truth in taxation base limit shall publish a truth in taxation hearing notice that meets the requirements of subsection B of this section. If the amount exceeding the previous truth in taxation base limit is approved by the school district governing board following the hearing prescribed in subsection B of this section, the excess amount plus the previous truth in taxation base limit becomes the school district's new truth in taxation base limit.
- 4. If a school district no longer qualifies for one or more of the expenditures prescribed in paragraph 1 of this subsection, the amount budgeted for the most recent fiscal year in which the school district was eligible for that expenditure shall be deducted from the school district's truth in taxation base limit.
- B. For any fiscal year in which a school district governing board budgets an amount that is higher than the truth in taxation base limit calculated pursuant to subsection A of this section, any fiscal year in which a school district levies any amount for adjacent ways pursuant to section 15-995 or any fiscal year in which the school district levies any amount for liabilities in excess of the school district budget pursuant to section 15-907:

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- 1. The school district shall publish a notice that meets the following requirements:
- (a) The notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the school district. The publication shall be at least ten but not more than twenty days before the date of the hearing.
- (b) The notice shall be published in a location other than the classified or legal advertising section of the newspaper in which it is published.
- (c) The notice shall be at least one-fourth page in size and shall be surrounded by a solid black border at least one-eighth inch in width.
- (d) The notice shall be in the following form, with the "truth in taxation hearing notice of tax increase" headline in at least eighteen point type:

Truth in Taxation Hearing Notice of Tax Increase

In compliance with section 15–905.01, Arizona Revised
Statutes, school district is notifying its property
taxpayers of school district's intention to raise its
primary property taxes over the current level to pay for
increased expenditures over the state-imposed spending
limit. The school district is proposing an increase
in its primary property tax levy of \$ (amount of levy
increase to pay for truth in taxation base increase) or%.
For example, the proposed tax increase will cause
school district's primary property taxes on a \$100,000
home to increase from \$ (the rate used to pay for the
current truth in taxation base limit [the amount divided by the
current net assessed value>- available February 10 pursuant to
section 42-17052] applied to \$100,000]) to \$ (the
rate used to pay for the proposed truth in taxation base limit
[the amount divided by the current net assessed value available
February 10 pursuant to section 42-17052] applied to \$100,000).
This proposed increase is exclusive of the amount produced
by levying the qualifying tax levy as prescribed in Arizona
Revised Statutes section 15-971, subsection B, section
15-918.05, if applicable, and section 15-919.05, if applicable.
The increase is also exclusive of any changes that may occur
from property tax levies for voter approved bonded indebtedness
or budget and tax overrides.
All interested citizens are invited to attend the public
hearing on the proposed tax increase scheduled to be held
(date and time) at (location).

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- 2. In lieu of publishing the truth in taxation notice, the governing board may mail the truth in taxation notice prescribed by paragraph 1, subdivision (d) of this subsection to all registered voters in the district at least ten but not more than twenty days before the date of the hearing.
- 3. In addition to publishing the truth in taxation notice under paragraph 1 of this subsection or mailing the notice under paragraph 2 of this subsection, the governing board shall issue a press release containing the truth in taxation notice to all newspapers of general circulation in the school district.
- 4. The governing board shall consider a motion to levy the increased property taxes by roll call vote.
- 5. Within three days after the hearing, the governing board shall mail a copy of the truth in taxation notice, a statement of its publication or mailing and the result of the governing board's vote under paragraph 4 of this subsection to the property tax oversight commission established by section 42-17002.
- 6. The governing board shall hold the truth in taxation hearing on or before the adoption of the school district budget under section 15-905.
- 7. Expenditures for adjacent ways and liabilities in excess of the school district budget do not become part of the school district's truth in taxation base limit.
- C. The department of education shall maintain a listing of each school district's truth in taxation base limit and shall verify the accuracy of the school district's computations. A school district governing board shall notify the department of education of any change in the district's truth in taxation base limit.
- D. The department of education shall develop a budget form for school districts to show the primary tax rate associated for each of the expenditure categories mentioned in subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section and for expenditures for adjacent ways pursuant to section 15-995 or any other expenditure in excess of the school district budget pursuant to section 15-907. A school district shall make this information available to the general public at truth in taxation hearings and shall submit the information to the department of education.
- Sec. 23. Section 15-910.01, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-910.01. School district budgets; career and technical education and vocational education center expenses

A. The governing board of a school district which has entered into an intergovernmental agreement to establish a jointly owned and operated CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center as provided in section 15-789 may budget for vocational maintenance and operation expenses which are specifically exempt in whole or part from the revenue control limit for a period of not to exceed three years beginning the first year that the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and

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technological EDUCATION center is operating and serving students. The governing board shall notify the state board of education before adopting a budget as provided in this section for the first year of operation of the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center to demonstrate that the center is ready to begin operations.

- B. For each year that a school district is authorized to budget for a joint CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center as provided in this section, the district shall determine the budget amount as follows:
- 1. Estimate the average daily membership or adjusted average daily membership for the budget year of students to be enrolled in courses held at the joint CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center pursuant to sections 15-901 and 15-902.
- 2. Multiply 0.142 by the base level and multiply this product by the average daily membership or adjusted average daily membership as determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- C. Before May 15, school districts which overestimate the average daily membership as provided in subsection B, paragraph 1 of this section shall adjust the general budget limit and expenditures based on the actual average daily membership during the current fiscal year. School districts which underestimate the average daily membership may adjust their budgets before May 15 based on the actual average daily membership during the current fiscal year. Procedures for completing adjustments shall be prescribed in the uniform system of financial records. Not later than May 18, the budget as revised shall be submitted electronically to the superintendent of public instruction.
- D. A governing board which budgets for CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center expenses pursuant to this section shall:
- 1. Prepare and employ a separate maintenance and operation budget for the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center on a form prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction in conjunction with the auditor general. The budget format shall be designed to allow a school district to plan and provide in detail for expenditures to be incurred solely for the maintenance and operation of the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center.
- 2. Prepare as a part of the annual financial report a detailed report of expenditures incurred solely for the maintenance and operation of the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational EDUCATION and technological center.
- E. The part of the primary tax rate set to fund the vocational maintenance and operations expenses as provided in this section shall not be included in the computation of additional state aid for education as prescribed in section 15-972.

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Sec. 24. Section 15-922, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-922. Duties of the school district; definition

- A. Each school district shall within twelve days after the first one hundred days or two hundred days in session, as applicable, certify to the superintendent of public instruction, in an electronic format as prescribed by the department of education, the following:
- 1. The daily route mileage of the school district in the current year. The route mileage shall not include more than twenty miles each way to and from the school of attendance or to and from a pickup point on a regular transportation route to transport eligible students who reside in nonadjacent school districts.
- 2. The route mileage of the school district in the current year transporting eligible students for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.
- 3. The number of eligible students transported during the current year.
- B. Each school district shall on or before July 15 of the current year certify to the superintendent of public instruction the following:
 - 1. For each bus operated by the school district, the following:
 - (a) The odometer reading as of the end of the current year.
- (b) An inventory of each school bus owned by the school district including:
 - (i) Manufacturer of the bus.
 - (ii) Date of purchase.
 - (iii) Purchase price.
 - (iv) Capacity for passengers.
 - (v) Type of fuel used.
 - 2. The total bus mileage during the current year.
- 3. The road conditions upon which eligible students are transported reported in a format specified by the superintendent of public instruction.
- 4. The total bus mileage for the current year for academic and CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological education and athletic trips reported in a format specified by the superintendent of public instruction.
- C. A school district shall meet the requirements of this section to receive state aid. The superintendent of public instruction may withhold a school district's apportionment of state aid if it is determined by the superintendent of public instruction that the school district is not complying with the requirements of this section.
- D. For the purposes of this article and section 15-901, "school bus" or "bus" means a bus as defined in section 28-101, except that the passenger capacity standards prescribed in that section do not apply.

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43 44 Sec. 25. Section 15-943.02, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

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15-943.02. <u>Base support level for joint vocational and technical education districts</u>

A. The base level for each joint vocational AND TECHNICAL education district shall be computed as follows:

Grade/	Support		Student		Weighted
Category	Level		Count		Student
	Weight				Count
9-12	1.339	X		=	

- B. Multiply the total determined in subsection A by the base level.
- C. Multiply the teacher experience index of the district or 1.00, whichever is greater, by the product obtained in subsection B.

Sec. 26. Section 15-945, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read: 15-945. <u>Transportation support level</u>

- A. The support level for to and from school for each school district for the current year shall be computed as follows:
- 1. Determine the approved daily route mileage of the school district for the fiscal year prior to the current year.
- 2. Multiply the figure obtained in paragraph 1 of this subsection by one hundred seventy-five.
- 3. Determine the number of eligible students transported in the fiscal year prior to the current year.
- 4. Divide the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by the amount determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection to determine the approved daily route mileage per eligible student transported.
- 5. Determine the classification in column 1 of this paragraph for the quotient determined in paragraph 4 of this subsection. Multiply the product obtained in paragraph 2 of this subsection by the corresponding state support level for each route mile as provided in column 2 of this paragraph.

32 Column 1 Column 2 33 Approved Daily Route State Support Level per 34 Mileage per Eligible Route Mile for 35 Student Transported Fiscal Year 1984-1985 36 0.5 or less \$1.55 37 More than 0.5 through 1.0 \$1.25 38 More than 1.0 \$1.55

- 6. Add the amount spent during the prior fiscal year for bus tokens and bus passes for students who qualify as eligible students as defined in section 15-901.
- B. The support level for academic EDUCATION, and CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION, vocational and technological education and athletic trips for each school district for the current year is computed as follows:

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- 1. Determine the classification in column 1 of paragraph 2 of this subsection for the quotient determined in subsection A, paragraph 4 of this section.
- 2. Multiply the product obtained in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section by the corresponding state support level for academic and vocational and technological education and athletic trips as provided in column 2, 3 or 4 of this paragraph, whichever is appropriate for the type of district.

8	<u>Column 1</u>	Column 2	<u>Column 3</u>	Column 4
9	Approved Daily Route			
10	Mileage per Eligible	District Type	District Type	District Type
11	Student Transported	02 or 03	04	05
12	0.5 or less	0.15	0.10	0.25
13	More than 0.5 through 1.0	0.15	0.10	0.25
14	More than 1.0	0.18	0.12	0.30

For the purposes of this paragraph, "district type 02" means a unified school district or an accommodation school that offers instruction in grades nine through twelve, "district type 03" means a common school district not within a high school district, "district type 04" means a common school district within a high school district or an accommodation school that does not offer instruction in grades nine through twelve and "district type 05" means a high school district.

- C. The support level for extended school year programs for pupils with disabilities is computed as follows:
 - 1. Determine the sum of the following:
- (a) The total number of miles driven by all buses of a school district while transporting eligible pupils with disabilities on scheduled routes from their residence to the school of attendance and from the school of attendance to their residence on routes for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.
- (b) The total number of miles driven on routes approved by the superintendent of public instruction for which a private party, a political subdivision or a common or a contract carrier is reimbursed for bringing an eligible pupil with a disability from the place of the pupil's residence to a school transportation pickup point or to the school facility of attendance and from the school transportation scheduled return point or from the school facility to the pupil's residence for an extended school year program in accordance with section 15-881.
- 2. Multiply the sum determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection by the state support level for the district determined as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section.
- D. The transportation support level for each school district for the current year is the sum of the support level for to and from school as determined in subsection A of this section and the support level for academic and vocational and technological education and athletic trips as determined in subsection B of this section and the support level for extended school

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year programs for pupils with disabilities as determined in subsection C of this section.

- E. The state support level for each approved route mile, as provided in subsection A, paragraph 5 of this section, shall be adjusted by the growth rate prescribed by law, subject to appropriation.
 - Sec. 27. Section 15-947, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
 - 15-947. Revenue control limit; district support level; general budget limit; unrestricted total capital budget

limit; soft capital allocation limit

- A. The revenue control limit for a school district is equal to the sum of the base revenue control limit determined in section 15-944 and the transportation revenue control limit determined in section 15-946.
- B. The district support level for a school district is equal to the sum of the base support level determined in section 15-943 and the transportation support level determined in section 15-945.
- C. The general budget limit for each school district, for each fiscal year, is the sum of the following:
 - 1. The revenue control limit for the budget year.
 - 2. The maintenance and operation portion of the following amounts:
- (a) Amounts that are fully funded by revenues other than a levy of taxes upon the taxable property within the school district, as listed below:
- (i) Amounts budgeted as the budget balance carryforward as provided in section 15-943.01.
 - (ii) Tuition revenues for attendance of nonresident pupils.
 - (iii) State assistance as provided in section 15-976.
- (iv) Special education revenues as provided in section 15-825, subsection D and section 15-1204.
- (v) P.L. 81-874 assistance determined for children with disabilities, children with specific learning disabilities and children residing on Indian lands as provided in section 15-905, subsections K and O.
- (vi) P.L. 81-874 administrative costs as provided in section 15-905, subsection P.
- (vii) State assistance for excess tuition as provided in section 15-825.01.
- (viii) Amounts received from the state board of education pursuant to section 15-973.01.
- (b) Amounts approved pursuant to an override election as provided in section 15-481 for the applicable fiscal year.
- (c) Expenditures for excess utility costs as provided in section 15-910.
- (d) Amounts authorized by the county school superintendent pursuant to section 15-974, subsection C.
- (e) Expenditures for complying with a court order of desegregation as provided in section 15-910.

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- (f) Expenditures for the bond issues portion of the cost of tuition as provided in section 15-910.
- (g) Interest on registered warrants or tax anticipation notes as provided in section 15-910.
- (h) Amounts budgeted for a jointly owned and operated CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technological EDUCATION center as provided in section 15-910.01.
- (i) Amount of energy reduction adjustment pursuant to section 15-910.02.
 - 3. The capital outlay revenue limit for the budget year.
- 4. Monies received in the current fiscal year from the classroom site fund established by section 15-977.
- 5. Unexpended monies received from prior fiscal years from the classroom site fund established by section 15-977.
- 6. Any other budget item that is budgeted in the maintenance and operation section of the budget and that is specifically exempt from the revenue control limit or the capital outlay revenue limit.
- D. The unrestricted capital budget limit, for each school district for each fiscal year, is the sum of the following:
- 1. The federal impact adjustment as determined in section 15-964 for the budget year.
- 2. Any other budget item that is budgeted in the capital outlay section of the budget and that is specifically exempt from the capital outlay revenue limit.
- 3. The capital portion of the amounts contained in subsection C, paragraph 2 of this section.
- 4. The unexpended budget balance in the unrestricted capital outlay fund from the previous fiscal year.
- 5. The net interest earned in the unrestricted capital outlay fund the previous fiscal year.
- E. The soft capital allocation limit for each school district for each fiscal year is the sum of the following:
 - 1. The soft capital allocation for the budget year.
- 2. The unexpended budget balance in the soft capital allocation fund from the previous fiscal year.
- 3. The net interest earned in the soft capital allocation fund the previous fiscal year.
 - Sec. 28. Section 15-971, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:
 15-971. Determination of equalization assistance payments from
 county and state funds for school districts
- A. Equalization assistance for education is computed by determining the total of the following:
- 1. The lesser of a school district's revenue control limit or district support level as determined in section 15-947 or 15-951.

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- 2. The capital outlay revenue limit of a school district as determined in section 15-951 or 15-961.
- 3. The soft capital allocation of a school district as determined in section 15-951 or 15-962.
- B. From the total of the amounts determined in subsection A of this section subtract:
- 1. The amount that would be produced by levying the applicable qualifying tax rate determined pursuant to section 41-1276 for a high school district or a common school district within a high school district which does not offer instruction in high school subjects as provided in section 15-447.
- 2. The amount that would be produced by levying the applicable qualifying tax rate determined pursuant to section 41-1276 for a unified school district, a common school district not within a high school district or a common school district within a high school district which offers instruction in high school subjects as provided in section 15-447. The qualifying tax rate shall be applied in the following manner:
- (a) For the purposes of the amount determined in subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section:
- (i) Determine separately the percentage that the weighted student count in preschool programs for children with disabilities, kindergarten programs and grades one through eight and the weighted student count in grades nine through twelve is to the weighted student count determined in subtotal A as provided in section 15-943, paragraph 2, subdivision (a).
- (ii) Apply the percentages determined in item (i) of this subdivision to the amount determined in subsection A, paragraph 1 of this section.
- (b) For the purposes of the amounts determined in subsection A, paragraphs 2 and 3 of this section determine separately the amount of the capital outlay revenue limit and the amount of the soft capital allocation attributable to the student count in preschool programs for children with disabilities, kindergarten programs and grades one through eight and grades nine through twelve.
- (c) From the amounts determined in subdivisions (a) and (b) of this paragraph subtract the levy which would be produced by the current qualifying tax rate for a high school district or a common school district within a high school district that does not offer instruction in high school subjects as provided in section 15-447. If the qualifying tax rate generates a levy which is in excess of the total determined in subsection A of this section, the school district shall not be eligible for equalization assistance. In this subsection "assessed valuation" includes the values used to determine voluntary contributions collected pursuant to title 9, chapter 4, article 3 and title 48, chapter 1, article 8.
- 3. The amount that would be produced by levying a qualifying tax rate in a joint vocational and technological education district, which shall be five cents per one hundred dollars assessed valuation unless the legislature sets a lower rate by law.

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- 4. The amount of government property lease excise tax monies that were distributed to the district pursuant to section 42-6205 during the preceding fiscal year.
- C. County aid for equalization assistance for education shall be computed as follows:
- 1. Determine the total equalization assistance for all school districts in the county as provided in subsections A and B of this section.
- 2. Determine the total amount of county aid collected for all school districts in the county as provided in section 15-994.
- 3. Divide the amount determined in paragraph 2 of this subsection by the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- 4. Multiply the amount determined in subsections A and B of this section by the quotient determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection for each school district.
- 5. The amount determined in paragraph 4 of this subsection shall be the county aid for equalization assistance for education for a school district.
- D. State aid for equalization assistance for education for a school district shall be computed as follows:
- 1. Determine the equalization assistance for education for a school district as provided in subsections A and B of this section.
- 2. For each county, determine the levy that would be produced by the tax rate for equalization assistance for education prescribed in section 15-994, subsection A.
- 3. For each county, determine the total amount to be paid from monies collected from the tax levy for equalization assistance for education into the small district service program fund as prescribed by section 15-365 and into the detention center education fund as prescribed by section 15-913.
- 4. Subtract the amount determined in paragraph 3 of this subsection from the amount determined in paragraph 2 of this subsection.
- 5. Prorate the amount determined in paragraph 4 of this subsection to each school district in the county as prescribed by subsection C of this section.
- 6. Subtract the amount determined in paragraph 5 of this subsection from the amount determined in paragraph 1 of this subsection.
- E. Equalization assistance for education shall be paid from appropriations for that purpose to the school districts as provided in section 15-973.
- f. A school district shall comply with the program and staff standards promulgated as provided in section 15-781.01, subsection 0, paragraph 11 and report expenditures on approved vocational and technological education programs in the annual financial report according to uniform guidelines prescribed by the uniform system of financial records to be entitled to receive the additional weight for state aid purposes given to vocational and technological education programs as provided in section 15-943 computed with

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reference to the number of vocational and technological education students enrolled in the programs.

- F. A SCHOOL DISTRICT SHALL REPORT EXPENDITURES ON APPROVED CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROGRAMS IN THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT ACCORDING TO UNIFORM GUIDELINES PRESCRIBED BY THE UNIFORM SYSTEM OF FINANCIAL RECORDS AND IN ORDER TO FACILITATE COMPLIANCE WITH SECTIONS 15-255 AND 15-904.
- G. The additional weight for state aid purposes given to special education as provided in section 15-943 shall be given to school districts only if special education programs comply with the provisions of chapter 7, article 4 of this title and the conditions and standards prescribed by the superintendent of public instruction pursuant to rules of the state board of education for pupil identification and placement pursuant to sections 15-766 and 15-767.
- H. In addition to general fund appropriations, all amounts received pursuant to section 37-521, subsection B, paragraph 3 and section 42-5029, subsection E, paragraph 5 and from any other source for the purposes of this section are appropriated for state aid to schools as provided in this section.
- I. The total amount of state monies that may be spent in any fiscal year for state equalization assistance shall not exceed the amount appropriated or authorized by section 35-173 for that purpose. This section shall not be construed to impose a duty on an officer, agent or employee of this state to discharge a responsibility or to create any right in a person or group if the discharge or right would require an expenditure of state monies in excess of the expenditure authorized by legislative appropriation for that specific purpose.
- Sec. 29. Section 15-1171, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1171. <u>Trust assets of Arizona rural rehabilitation</u> corporation; transfer to state board of education

The state board of education is the state board of vocational education for the purposes of this article and is designated as the state agency empowered to make application to the secretary of agriculture of the United States, or any other proper federal official, pursuant and subject to the provisions of act of May 3, 1950 (P.L. 81-499; 40 U.S.C. sec. 440 et seq.) for the trust assets, either funds or property, held by the United States as trustee on behalf of the Arizona rural rehabilitation corporation.

Sec. 30. Section 15-1172, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1172. Arizona youth farm loan fund

Notwithstanding any other law, funds and the proceeds of the trust assets shall be received by the state board of vocational education and shall be deposited, pursuant to sections 35–146 and 35–147, in a special fund to be known as the Arizona youth farm loan fund that is maintained as a

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Sec. 31. Section 15-1173, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1173. <u>Use of funds</u>

- A. Except as provided in subsection C of this section, monies in the Arizona youth farm loan fund may be used only for such of the rural rehabilitation purposes as are permissible under the Arizona rehabilitation corporation's charter as it appeared during the calendar year 1960 and as may from time to time be agreed upon by the state board for vocational and technical OF education and the secretary of agriculture of the United States or his delegate, including but not limited to furnishing financial assistance to deserving young persons under twenty-five years of age who are students or former students of vocational agriculture or young farmers organized vocational agriculture classes in becoming satisfactorily established in farming through guaranteed loans, if they cannot obtain needed financing elsewhere on reasonable rates and terms.
- B. Administrative expenses of carrying out the provisions of this article, including but not limited to salaries, capital outlay, professional services, travel and current expenditures, shall be paid from annual appropriations made by the legislature to the state board of vocational education, and no part of the trust funds as provided by subsection A of this section may be used for any purpose not expressly listed in subsection A or C of this section.
- C. On notice from the state board of vocational education, the state treasurer shall invest and divest monies in the fund as provided by section 35-313, and monies earned from investment shall be credited to the fund.
- Sec. 32. Section 15-1174, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1174. Powers and duties

The state board for vocational and technical OF education on behalf of the state of Arizona is authorized and empowered to:

- 1. Collect, compromise, adjust or cancel claims and obligations arising out of or administered under this article or under any mortgage, lease, contract or other agreement entered into or administered pursuant to this article and, if in its judgment necessary and advisable, pursue the same to final collection in any court having jurisdiction.
- 2. Bid for and purchase at any execution, foreclosure or other sale, or otherwise to acquire, property upon which the state board has a lien by reason of a judgment or execution, or which is pledged, mortgaged or conveyed or which otherwise secures any loan or other indebtedness owing to or acquired by the state board under this article.

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 3. Accept title to any property so purchased or acquired, to operate or lease such property for such period as may be deemed necessary to protect the investment therein and to sell or otherwise dispose of such property in a manner consistent with the provisions of this article.

Sec. 33. Section 15-1175, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1175. Liability

The United States, and the secretary of agriculture thereof, shall be held free from liability by virtue of the transfer of the assets to the state board of vocational education pursuant to this article.

Sec. 34. Heading change

The article heading of title 15, chapter 10, article 9, Arizona Revised Statutes, is changed from "VOCATIONAL AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROJECTS FUND" to "CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL EDUCATION PROJECTS FUND".

Sec. 35. Section 15-1231, Arizona Revised Statutes, is amended to read:

15-1231. <u>Career and technical education and vocational</u> education projects fund

- A. The governing board of a school district may establish a permanent CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education projects fund in an amount not to exceed one hundred thousand dollars. The fund shall consist of proceeds from the sale of items produced by CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education programs. Monies in the fund may be used for any of the following purposes:
- 1. Purchase of materials for use by CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education pupils in an instructional program that produces a product that may be sold by the school district.
- 2. Purchase of equipment, not to exceed five thousand dollars in any one fiscal year, for use by CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education pupils in an instructional program which produces a product that may be sold by the school district.
- 3. Expenses directly related to the planning and design of CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education program products.
- B. Monies in the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education projects fund may not be used to pay salaries, wages or employee fringe benefits.
- C. The CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education projects fund of a school district is a continuing fund, and monies in the CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION AND vocational and technical education projects fund are not subject to reversion, except that all monies in the fund in excess of one hundred thousand dollars at the end of the fiscal year shall revert to the school plant fund.

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